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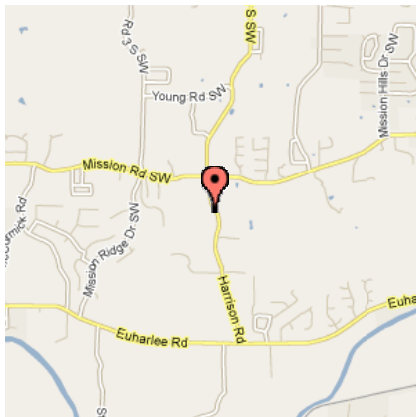
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The Booth Western Art museum is hosting a world premiere exhibit of paintings by Kenneth M. Freeman.

Freeman may have grown up in a traditional Jewish home in Chicago, Ill., but make no mistake ... he was a cowboy. His early career as an artist included illustrations for books by Louis L'Amour and Will James and culminated with compelling portraits of cowboys, Native American elders and children, mountain men, Buffalo Soldiers, western landscapes and rodeo heroes.



The Booth Western Art Museum, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, hosts the world premiere of the Kenneth M. Freeman Legacy Exhibition — Artist at Work opening on Jan. 16, 2010. The exhibit continues through May 2, 2010 in the newly created Special Exhibition Gallery.

Freeman was a graduate of the American Academy of Art in Chicago. At the age of 15, he began taking classes at the Academy in the summer of 1950. He studied with renowned artist Haddon Sundblom.

Freeman passed away in June of 2008 leaving a rich body of work unrivaled by many artists. His paintings hang today in museums, galleries and private collections around the world including The Library of Congress American Legacy

Collection, The Booth Western Art Museum and the family of President Herbert Hoover.

Consisting of 50 oil paintings and sculptures that feature working cowboys and cowgirls, rodeo heroes, Native American elders and children, mountain men, Western landscapes, and Buffalo Soldiers the exhibit also includes an area focusing on Ken's artistic technique.

Exhibition dates for the Kenneth M. Freeman Legacy Exhibition — 'Artist at Work' are Jan. 16 to May 2.

The Booth Western Art Museum is located at 501 Museum Drive in Cartersville.

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